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**[26] Figure 4a.** Continuously growing human VSM cells were incubated with CDU (10  $\mu$ M), DMSO vehicle for 72 h, or camptothecin (7  $\mu$ g/ml as positive control) for 2 h, stained with Hoechst 33258 as described in Example 1 and visualized by fluorescence microscopy (200x). --

REMARKS

No new matter is added by the amendments herein. The amendments herein provide clean and marked up versions of the amendments to the headings of Figures 1 and 4 made in the preliminary amendment dated June 28, 2002. The amendments clarify that Figure "1" refers to Figures 1a to 1e, and that Figure "4" refers to Figures 4a and 4b. The amendments are supported by, among other things, page 4, line 17 to page 5, line 7, and page 5, lines 23 to 32, respectively.

The present preliminary amendment is in response to the Notice mailed October 15, 2002. The Notice alleges that the preliminary amendment dated June 28, 2002, does not comport with 37 CFR § 1.121(b)(1)(ii). Without necessarily agreeing with the Notice, the amendment herein provides clean and marked up version of the amendments. Applicants submit that the amendments obviate the concerns set forth in the Notice.

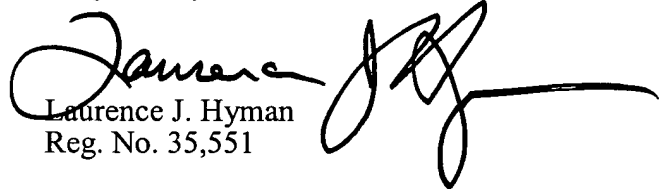
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CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

In the specification:

Page 4, line 22 and paragraph [18] has been amended as follows:

**Figures 1a - 1e.** CDU inhibits proliferation in human VSM cells.

[18] Human VSM cells were grown to 80-90% confluence and serum-starved (except where indicated) for 1 day.

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